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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Insun Kang
HARUO MACHIDA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2193
Application No.: 10/022,375)	
	:	Conf. No.: 7735
Filed: December 20, 2001)	
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For: NETWORK SYSTEM,)	
INFORMATION PROCESSING	:	
UNIT, INFORMATION)	
PROCESSING METHOD, AND	:	
CONTROL PROGRAM)	January 23, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited documents also are attached.

A final Office Action has not yet been mailed in connection with the present application.

The cited documents were identified in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated November 4, 2008, in connection with a counterpart Japanese patent application. A copy of the Office Action and an English translation thereof have been submitted herewith.

For an explanation of relevance of JPA 10-049317, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto.

For an explanation of the document entitled "Sharing Printers on Network," the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English translation attached thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

Although no fee is believed to be due in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered, if a fee is deemed to be required then please charge such to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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